

Mordialloc Freeway

Community Reference Group



Meeting:	Mordialloc Freeway - Community Reference Group
Location:	Online – Zoom Meeting
Date and Time:	Thursday 17 December – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Attendees:	CRG Members: Jon Garrard, David Cappellari, Peter Wain, Andy Hawkes, Mitchell Blood, Michael Poulakakis, Frank Pitinga, Margaret Hunter Apologies: Ken Carney MRPV Representatives: Daniel Kollmorgen, Luke Minton, Sam Doyle MCDDJV: Trevor Cruden, Nicole Ekert
Apologies:	MPs: N/A
Chair / Secretary:	Chair: Nicola Wass, RPS Assistant: Ai-Lin Chang, RPS
Meeting Contact:	Luke Minton – 1800 105 105

Questions from Meeting #3 –

#	Question	Owner	Due	Status
1.	Confirm if the level of lighting for the Project is similar to the existing lighting along the Frankston Freeway	MCDDJV	17 December	Closed
2.	Confirm if the contours in the Project's lighting modelling images accounts for buildings and structures with various heights	MCDDJV	17 December	Closed
3.	Confirm the impact of noise walls on the Project's light spill	MCDDJV	17 December	Closed
4.	Confirm dates of the Centre Dandenong Road closure for the beam lifts	MCDDJV	17 December	Closed

Actions from Meeting #3 –

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1.	Provide members with alternate detour maps at Lower Dandenong Road and Woodlands Drive	MRPV	5 November	Closed
2.	Members to provide feedback on partnership and legacy opportunities	Members	15 November	Closed
3.	Provide and share a full list on partnership and legacy opportunities identified by members	MRPV	17 December	Closed
4.	Investigate and confirm if a presentation on another major freeway project can occur at the next meeting	MRPV	17 December	Closed

Agenda Items – Meeting #4:

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1	<p>Introduction and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola welcomed the members and recognised Traditional Owners through Acknowledgement of Country Nicola outlined the purpose and agenda for Meeting 4 	Nicola Wass
2	<p>Updates on Actions from Meeting #3</p> <p>Meeting 3 Action #1 – Provide members alternate detour maps at Lower Dandenong Road and Woodlands Drive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke and Sam confirmed this action was completed. <p>Meeting 3 Action #2 and #3 – Members to provide feedback on partnership and legacy opportunities and MRPV to provide and share a full list on partnership and legacy opportunities identified by members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke confirmed these actions and an update on partnership and legacy opportunities would be addressed during the meeting. <p>Meeting 3 Action #4 – Investigate and confirm if a presentation on another major freeway project can occur at the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke advised that there wouldn't be a presentation on another major freeway project, but MRPV can try to coordinate conversations with other projects if there are specific questions the Group has. The community can also call the Big Build call centre on 1800 105 105 to find out more on other projects. <p>Updates on Questions from Meeting #3</p> <p>Meeting #3 Question 1 – Confirm if the level of lighting for the Project is similar to the existing lighting along the Frankston Freeway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor confirmed the Project will have a similar type of lighting to sections of the Frankston Freeway, particularly the intersection between the Frankston Freeway and EastLink. 	Nicola Wass

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	<p>Meeting 3 Question #2 – Confirm if the contours in the Project’s lighting modelling images accounts for buildings and structures with various heights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor confirmed that the models shown in the previous week did not account for buildings and structures. Trevor noted that buildings and structures could provide some mitigation of light spill in addition to what is already included in the Project’s lighting designs. <p>Meeting 3 Question #3 – Confirm the impact of noise walls on the Project’s light spill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor confirmed that noise walls could also provide some mitigation for light spill from the Project. <p>Meeting 3 Question #4 - Confirm dates of the Centre Dandenong Road closure for the beam lifts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor advised the date would be towards the end of February with updates provided closer to the date. 	
3	<p>Project snapshot</p> <p>What have you been hearing?</p> <p>Nicola asked members about the key feedback and concerns they have heard from their communities about the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member raised that they have heard positive feedback from the community about how the off-ramp at Woodlands Drive is progressing and how MRPV has communicated traffic impacts in the area A member raised that they have heard feedback that the lighting at the intersection on Lower Dandenong Road is dark, especially at night-time and if the Project could address this in the interim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam responded that MRPV has received similar feedback about this intersection and has raised this with MCDDJV previously and would raise the issue again A member asked if the flooding issues on Boundary Road in the previous week were related to Project works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel responded that the flooding wasn’t caused by Project works and noted that this section of Boundary Road has historical flooding issues that Melbourne Water, VicRoads and Victoria Police are aware of A member asked if the Project’s flooding design has accounted for similar wet weather events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor responded that MCDDJV is confident that their designs have addressed and will mitigate similar potential flooding events in the Project area A member raised that the Project’s fencing and weeds are blocking pedestrian access along Governor Road adjacent to Waterways. The member noted they raised this issue at the last meeting and the Project has not provided a response to this action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor responded that works in this area are near completion and the Project team has begun tidying up the area. Trevor noted that they will action the removal of the fencing and weeds when the Project team returns from their Christmas break in the week commencing 11 January 2021 The member stated that residents are very unhappy about the blocked pedestrian access and have raised this issue with Melbourne Water A member raised that a resident that lives adjacent to the Centre to Lower Dandenong Road area was complaining about an increased presence of snakes at the back of their property and asked who is responsible for mowing the area 	<p>Nicola Wass</p> <p>Trevor Cruden</p> <p>Nicole Ekert</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded that MCDDJV would be responsible for this and will organise mowing once the Project team returns on 11 January 2021. <p>What have we been doing?</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trevor informed the group that the site will shut down from 18 December until 11 January. Trevor noted the Project has undertaken a range of measures to mitigate potential community impacts. These include spraying the Freeway foundations with polymer to minimise dust impacts, employing security and conducting daily inspections to mitigate vandalism and reinforcing the Project's fencing to prevent damage ● Sam noted that the Project's 1800 105 105 call centre staff would still be available during the Christmas break period, and community members should direct their enquiries to that line if they do experience any impacts ● Trevor presented to the group on the Project's construction progress ● Trevor raised with members that the Thames Promenade and Wells Road intersection will be closed between 2-27 January to remove the roundabout and install traffic lights. Trevor stated that the southbound off-ramp to Thames Promenade would temporarily be opened during the intersection closure to provide access to residences and businesses on that side. Trevor noted that the works would be occurring 24/7 during the closure to enable the Project to minimise additional disruptions over a longer period ● Sam also noted there may be some confusion in the community about why the off-ramp is being temporarily opened. He also asked members to inform their local networks of the reasons why the intersection will be closed ● Trevor provided an overview of the Project's 2021 construction lookahead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In early-2021, the Project will begin installing noise walls along the alignment, install the beams for the bridge over Centre Dandenong Road, continue building the bridges over the intersecting local roads and open the pedestrian underpass ○ In mid-2021, the Project will install the beams for the bridges over Lower Dandenong Road, Governor Road and Springvale Road ○ In late-2021, the Project will finish landscaping, and complete asphaltting and linemarking works before opening the Freeway to traffic. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A member asked about what kind of fencing would separate the Freeway lanes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded that a mix of fencing types would be on the Freeway, including wire rope barriers and concrete barriers ● A member noted that on the video, some of these areas look quite close between the north-south carriageways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded that the Freeway would look similar to what is currently in place along the Mornington Peninsula Freeway. Daniel agreed with this and noted that centre medians would be critical in separating the carriages. Daniel also noted that the Waterways wetlands bridge is two separate structures ● A member asked if there was an update on whether a mural could be included along the pedestrian underpass at Bowen Parkway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded the Project is actively looking at opportunities to include a mural, noting that the inclusion of a mural is not part of the Project's scope. 	
4	Partnership and legacy opportunities	Sam Doyle

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	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam thanked members for consulting with their communities and providing their feedback and suggestions to MRPV • Sam presented a document with members that outlined all feedback received by members and the broader community on community and legacy opportunities • Sam stated a lot of the feedback was centred on the Project providing additional or enhanced open spaces. Sam noted that the Project does have cost and space constraints so some of the feedback provided (e.g. dog park, BMX park, skate parks etc.) are unlikely to be feasible. Sam stated that the Project is responding to the community feedback received by investigating the inclusion of murals and artwork, maximising the existing green space and options for graffiti prevention in the Project area • Sam informed the group that the Project is also exploring options for signage, plaques and local points of interests with relevant stakeholders • Sam stated that Project can follow up with each community group one-on-one in early 2021 to continue discussing the partnership opportunities raised • Sam advised that MRPV will continue talking with the stakeholders who will be the long-term owners of these areas (e.g. Department of Transport and Council). <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member stated that it feels like there isn't much ability for MRPV to action the feedback raised, given that a lot of the open space ideas are out of the Project's scope. This member asked if these suggestions have been raised and if MRPV has an explicit vision for these suggestions to be realised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded that other state government major infrastructure projects have specific scope to deliver enhanced open space (e.g. the Level Crossing Removal Project) and MRPV has not been given the funding or the scope to specifically deliver open space. Sam noted that MRPV are trying to drive legacy opportunities within the means that are available to them, and MRPV are seeking to elevate community voices and values through their license as a state government authority to explore legacy opportunities. Sam stated that the inclusion of a mural in the pedestrian underpass is a good example of this • Daniel noted that during the Project's three-year planning and development phase and Environment Effects Statement process, the community had the opportunity to provide feedback on the Project's detailed landscape plan • A member responded that although they acknowledged the efforts so far to incorporate community feedback into the designs, as a group member it feels like the Project is asking for feedback and then turning around and stating that their feedback is impossible to implement. The member noted that it feels as if the Project cannot expect the community to have an in-depth knowledge of the Project's planning and development phases and intrinsically know when the appropriate timing is to provide feedback on major planning matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel responded that during this delivery stage of the Project, the Project is trying to find opportunities to improve and enhance the Project's legacy items. Daniel noted that MRPV is seeking to balance this alongside the need to provide certainty to the contractor on the Project's scope • Sam noted that providing new public open spaces is unlikely to be feasible on this Project, but they'll take the group's feedback to MRPV and key stakeholders • A member raised that their community group, the Dingley Village Community Association, is working with Kington City Council on the area between Lower Dandenong Road and Centre Dandenong Road to develop a four-year plan and raise funds for items that can go into that area. This member noted that they saw their group's involvement in the Project's partnership and legacy 	

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	<p>opportunities commencing once MRPV confirms the scope of its partnership and legacy opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked MRPV when they can confirm when they'll finalise their negotiables and non-negotiables • Sam responded that he could provide an update in early 2021, noting that there are some challenges in finding the time to engage with the Project's Councils, following the October 2020 local council elections • Sam noted that the Project will continue to have ongoing conversations with the Department on Transport and offered to provide updates on partnership and legacy opportunities outside of this Group's meetings. 	
5	<p>Communications and stakeholder engagement</p> <p>Luke provided an update on the Project's communications and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project's quarterly newsletter was published and distributed in early December, including information on the last year of construction and upcoming closure to build a new intersection at Thames Promenade and Wells Road • Ahead of the Thames Promenade and Wells Road closure, MRPV is going to utilise their new SMS service. Luke advised he would share the number with the Group to pass onto their networks to help increase the subscriber rate • Luke advised the Project has recorded more than 1500 interactions with the community throughout the year and thanked members for their attendance in the group this year and for driving community engagement • Luke stated that the Project is unsure when the group is able to meet face-to-face and is waiting on advice from the Victorian Government. Luke noted it was unlikely the next meeting would be held face-to-face at this stage. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if the Project's Info Hub was now open again <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam responded that the Info Hub is not open, but the team is working through this presently and hope to re-open the Info Hub in early 2021. Sam stated that several options are being floated presently, including the Info Hub having reduced hours or engagement occurring on an appointment-basis only. Sam stated that anyone who visits the Info Hub would be required to wear a face mask and have their temperature taken upon arrival • A member asked if there would be any opportunities for the group to undertake a site visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel noted that the Project was planning to hold a site visit for members before the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions were introduced ○ Sam responded that in the current conditions, it is unlikely a site visit will occur however in the future there may be opportunity for a site visit. 	Luke Minton
6	<p>Other business</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked if the settlement of the embankment is still settling at a rate of 10mm per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded that the Project has laid asphalt over the areas where the foundations and embankments have settled and noted that there are some areas that will be settled by the late-February in 2021 	Nicola Wass

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked when speed limits would be removed along the Dingley Bypass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trevor responded there is still asphaltting and landscaping works that need to be undertaken, so it is likely the speed limits will be in place until mid-2021. 	
7	<p>Next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on sustainability measures being adopted by the Project • Partnership and legacy opportunities update 	Nicola Wass

Actions from Meeting #4

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1.	Provide an update on temporary lighting solutions at the Lower Dandenong Road intersection	MRPV/ MCDDJV	25 February 2021	Open
2.	Investigate options to remove fencing and weed along the pedestrian footpath at Governor Road (section adjacent to Waterways Lakes)	MCDDJV	15 January 2021	Open
3.	Organise lawn mowing for the Project area adjacent to residential properties along Centre to Lower Dandenong Road.	MRPV	15 January 2021	Open

Next meeting: 25 February 2021

